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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 2-10-211.

(a) The registry of election finance, notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop an Internet-based electronic filing process for use by all candidates for state public office and political campaign committees of such candidates, which are required to file statements and reports with the registry of election finance.

(2) Develop a system that provides each candidate and their campaign committee with secure access to the electronic filing system. The system would provide safeguards against efforts to tamper or change the data in any way.

(3) Provide training sessions to candidates and their campaign committees on the use of the electronic filing system.

(4) Develop a system that will forward a copy of any candidate's report filed with the registry of election finance, with the electronic filing system, to the appropriate local county election commission as required in §2-10-105(a).

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(b) The registry of election finance, once the development of the electronic filing system is completed and tested, shall provide public notice that the system is operational and available for filers to commence use.

(c) The registry of election finance shall implement the electronic filing system for use in the 2002 state primary election and all subsequent state elections. Candidates for state public offices and the campaign committees of such candidates, may commence electronic filing with the first pre-election report for any state election beginning in the year 2002 and may continue to file electronically all reports for any subsequent state elections.

(d) All information entered by any candidate or candidate's campaign committee into the electronic filing system shall remain confidential until the information is filed with the registry of election finance.

(e) The registry of election finance shall provide full access to the public of campaign financial reports over the internet, subject to the provisions of § 2-10-111, providing assistance to those seeking public access to such information. For purposes of this subsection only, such reports containing campaign contributions shall not contain the addresses of campaign contributors.

(f) The registry of election finance shall maintain all data online for eight (8) years after the date it is filed, and then archive the information in a secure format.

(g) The registry of election finance shall report to the general assembly on the implementation and development of the requirements of this section. The

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report shall include an examination of system security, private security issues, software availability, compliance costs to filers, and other issues relating to this section, recommending appropriate changes if necessary.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 2-10-121. No later than January 31, 2002, each multicandidate political campaign committee registered with the registry of election finance shall pay a registration fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). For any multicandidate political campaign committee registering a new committee during the year 2002, the committee shall pay the registration fee at the time that it certifies its political treasurer. No later than January 31 each year thereafter, each multicandidate political campaign committee registered with the registry of election finances shall pay a registration fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). For any multicandidate political campaign committee registering a new committee during any year, the committee shall pay the registration fee at the time that it certifies its political treasurer. All fees collected by the registry of election finance under the provisions of this section shall be retained by the registry and used for expenses related to maintaining an electronic filing system.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302(a), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (1); by adding the following as a new subdivision (2) and renumbering the existing subdivision (2) as subdivision (3):

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(2) For the senate, two thousand dollars (\$2,000); and

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language " seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500)" and substituting instead the following "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-306(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language " Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)" and substituting instead the language "Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.